# COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 7/10/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Nancy Rosen 781-5518	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a five-year contract (Clerk's File) with Templeton Unified School District in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 annually to access School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities funding for Fiscal Years 2012-13 through 2016-17.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve a five year contract with Templeton Unified School District in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 annually to access School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities funding for Fiscal Years 2012-13 through 2016-17.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$200,000	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$200,000	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT  { X } Consent { } Presentation { } Hearing (Time Est) { } Board Business (Time Est)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { } Resolutions { X } Contracts { } Ordinances { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001167		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5th's Vote Required { X } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY	
NI/A	STATEMENT? No	{ X } N/A Date	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

# **County of San Luis Obispo**

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director

Penny Borenstein, MD, MPH, Health Officer

DATE: 7/10/2012

SUBJECT: Request to approve a five-year contract (Clerk's File) with Templeton Unified School District in the

amount not to exceed \$200,000 annually to access School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities

funding for Fiscal Years 2012-13 through 2016-17.



It is recommended that the Board approve a five-year contract with Templeton Unified School District in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 annually to access School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities funding for Fiscal Years 2012-13 through 2016-17.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The State Department of Health Care Services contracts with San Luis Obispo County for School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA). The SMAA Program reimburses school districts for the federal share of certain costs for administering the Medi-Cal program. Eligible administrative activities include:

- Referring students to medical services covered under Medi-Cal,
- Facilitating the Medi-Cal application,
- Arranging and providing transportation to Medi-Cal covered services,
- Contracting for Medi-Cal services,
- Medi-Cal program planning and policy development, and
- Medi-Cal administrative activities coordination and claims administration

Currently the Public Health Department accesses SMAA funding through the State on behalf of the Lucia Mar School District and San Luis Coastal Unified School District. Recently the Templeton Unified School District approached the Public Health Department to work with them in accessing SMAA funding on their behalf. SMAA is a federally funded program designed to assist counties in recouping administrative costs associated with enrolling clients into the Medi-Cal program and helping clients access Medi-Cal covered services. Our Public Health Department is designated by the State Department of Health Care Services as one of two leads for claiming Medi-Cal Administrative Activities funding within San Luis Obispo County.

Allowable costs for SMAA reimbursement include salaries and benefits of the staff performing the activities and applicable operating expenses. School district employees document the time they worked on SMAA activities by completing quarterly time surveys. SMAA claims are based on three factors: 1) a time study; 2) the Medi-Cal eligibility rate of the District's entire student population; and 3) the cost of providing outreach activities for Medi-Cal.

Public Health Department accesses SMAA funding for the school districts of Lucia Mar and San Luis Coastal, as well as Public Health programs including, the Public Guardian, County Probation, and numerous programs funded through Children and families Commission (First 5). Public Health receives 5% of the reimbursement as an administrative fee for processing SMAA claims and coordination/oversight of the SMAA program. As part of that oversight, Public Health staff ensures all State and Federal requirements are met.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement as to form and legal effect.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The total amount of State MAA funds collected on behalf of Templeton Unified School District is projected to be up to \$200,000. Of that amount, Public Health will receive 5%, or \$10,000, as the administrative fee for processing SMAA claims on behalf of the Templeton Unified School District and oversight of the SMAA program. Reimbursement of SMAA eligible costs are typically a year in arrears and therefore invoices prepared and submitted to the State in FY 2012-13 will not be reimbursed until the following fiscal year. Public Health will budget the expense and revenue for the first year of this contract in FY 2013-14.

SMAA is a federal program administered by the State Department of Health Care Services. The federal funds received under this program are passed through to the participating school districts. Approval of the agreement will have no effect on the level of General Fund support required by the Health Agency in FY 2012-13.

#### **RESULTS**

Approval of the agreement will allow Public Health to access Federal funding for School Based MAA program costs on behalf of Templeton Unified School District. The funds allow schools to provide increased access to Medi-Cal services in the community that ultimately leads to a healthier population.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Clerk's File Statement for Contract with Templeton Unified School District